



City of Grand Rapids

Transient Merchant Checklist

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

- Transient Merchants are not permitted in the Downtown area.
- May not obstruct any street, alley, sidewalk or driveway or cause customers to do so.
- Fixed stands are prohibited. No person will stop or remain in any one (1) location for longer than is necessary to make a sale.
- Door to door sales may only be made between the hours of 9am and 9pm.
- Exemptions:
 - Persons under eighteen (18) on foot in the neighborhood of their residence under supervision of school or recognized charity or religious organization.
 - Persons exempt by State or Federal law.
 - Duly authorized representative of a church, charitable organization, education or fraternal organization, political group.
 - Doing business at a City-operated market.

CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A Food Permit must be acquired through the Kent County Health Department or Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development for all merchants selling food and/or beverages. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kent County Health Department – (616) 632-7100- Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – (517) 284-5771 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed Transient Merchant Application (part I and part II). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-refundable application fee . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | After the license is issued, merchants must have their ID cards on hand while operating. |

*Rules and regulations associated with a Transient Merchant license can be found in [Chapter 99](#) of the Grand Rapids City Code entitled “Transient Merchants.”

**General Licensing Regulations can be found in [Chapter 91](#) of the Grand Rapids City Code entitled “Licensing and Regulation Generally.”